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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Masatsugu MASUDA, Masaaki KATOH

For: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, BACKLIGHT STRUCTURE AND KEYPAD FOR
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of twenty-five (25) pages
- ☒ Nine (9) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-082913 and 2003-085630 filed in Japan on March 25, 2003 and March 26, 2003.
 - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

- ☒ An assignment of the invention
☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
☒ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
☐ Other:
☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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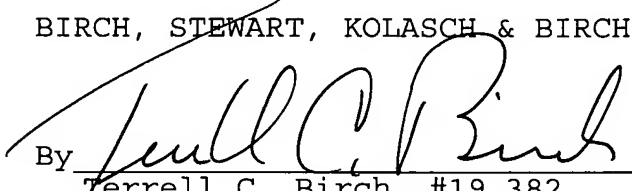
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